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Examination of plague rats.

Assistant Surgeon Chapin reports, July 18, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover:

Four rats delivered July 9 have been proved plague-infected and recorded as plague rats Nos. 17, 18, 19, and 20. These were all from the stable in the wood yard where the 5 plague-infected rats reported July 6 and July 11 were found. These 4 rats, among others, were killed during the work of cleaning up the premises. All 4 showed to a greater or less degree gross lesions suggestive of plague infection and plague-like bacilli in more or less abundance in smears from the organs. The bacilli isolated from the organs were culturally verified in each case. A guinea pig inoculated from the organs of plague rat No. 17 died July 16 with the gross and microscopic appearances of plague infection. The animal test was omitted in the other cases.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED

IOWA—*Keokuk.*—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 16,000. Total number of deaths, 17, including 2 from tuberculosis. Cases: Enteric fever 1, whooping cough 1, and smallpox 1.

MINNESOTA.—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 1,979,658. Reports to the State board of health show as follows: Total number of deaths, 1,951, including diphtheria 41, enteric fever 20, measles 7, scarlet fever 21, whooping cough 11, smallpox 4, and 168 from tuberculosis. Deaths reported from State institutions during the month numbered 37, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 1, and 9 from tuberculosis.

Minneapolis.—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 300,000. Total number of deaths, 212, including diphtheria 7, enteric fever 3, scarlet fever 1, whooping cough 1, and 28 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 50, enteric fever 8, scarlet fever 15, smallpox 21, and tuberculosis 28.

NEW YORK—*Yonkers.*—Month of May,[a] 1908. Estimated population, 72,000. Total number of deaths, 69, including diphtheria 1, scarlet fever 1, and 10 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 5, measles 25, scarlet fever 55, and phthisis pulmonalis 16.

OREGON—*Portland.*—Month of May, 1908. Estimated population, 225,000. Total number of deaths, 151, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 4, scarlet fever 1, and 24 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 32, enteric fever 7, measles 28, scarlet fever 10, whooping cough 6, and smallpox 86.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Homestead.*—Month of June, 1908. Estimated population, 17,000. Total number of deaths, 26, including 1 from tuberculosis. Cases: Scarlet fever 3, whooping cough 2, enteric fever 5, tuberculosis 2, and measles 5.

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[a] Received out of regular order.